

Senate Resolution 1133

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. George Patten Rahn; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. George Patten Rahn on August 14, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rahn was born on August 27, 1932, the beloved first son of Jewel Helmly
5 and George Leroy "Roy" Rahn; and

6 WHEREAS, raised on a farm in Berryville, Georgia, Mr. Rahn graduated from Effingham
7 Academy and attended Georgia Teachers College, where he proudly served as the school's
8 trainer for the basketball team; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Coast Guard in Connecticut and New York and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and
11 entertaining at his duck camp on the Savannah River; and

12 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Coach," Mr. Rahn diligently and conscientiously
13 devoted his time, talents, and energy to challenging students and players as an educator and
14 coach for 30 years in Effingham County; and

15 WHEREAS, he led championship winning teams in tennis and baseball and was inducted
16 into the Effingham Sports Hall of Fame and the Effingham County High Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Rahn served as past chairman of Effingham Methodist Campground
18 Trustees, a member of the Forest City Gun Club and the Springfield Jaycees, and was a
19 faithful member of Springfield United Methodist Church, where he served as a Sunday
20 school teacher and trustee; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Rahn was united in love and marriage for 51 wonderful years to his adoring
22 wife, Betty, and was blessed with the love of two daughters and two sons-in-law, Rozanne
23 and Charley Aimone and April and Clay Helmly, and four grandchildren, Emily, Drew,
24 Glenn, and Zach; and

25 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
26 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
27 made this world a better place in which to live; and

28 WHEREAS, a kind and generous man, Mr. Rahn will long be remembered for his love of
29 coaching, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, teacher, and
30 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. George Patten Rahn and express their deepest
33 and most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. George Patten Rahn.